Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : അതുകൊണ്ട് തൽസംബന്ധമായ റിസർച്ച് നടത്തുന്നതിനുള്ള എന്തെങ്കിലും പദ്ധതി രൂപവൽക്കരിക്കുന്നതിന് ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : There are plans and schemes for improving the fisheries of the State and we are cooperating with the Government of India and the Government of Cochin. We are launching very big schemes for developing the fisheries.

Conductors in private buses.

217. ***Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any complaint has been received that sometimes bus conductors employed in private buses are arbitrarily refusing tickets to passengers who do not endorse their own political views and aspirations and thereby cause inconvenience to the public at large?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar (*Inspector-General of Police*) : No.

Treasury and Mint.

218. *** Mr N. Narayana Kurup** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Nottams in the Treasury and the Counters in the Mint were in the same scale of pay at any time ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether the scale of pay of the Counters in the Mint has been revised by the recent revision of scale and pay ;

(*c*) whether such a revision is given to Nottams in the Treasury ; and

(*d*) if not, why?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) There are no Counters in the Mint.

(*b*) (*c*) and (*d*) do not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether there was any officer in the Mint whose work was to find out whether any bad coins were circulating at any time?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : No.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : Were there coin examiners?

Mr. S. Narayanan Aiyar : Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know the scale of pay of the Counters?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : Rs. 20-1-25.

Transport Booking Office at Alwaye.

219 ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is phone connection at the State Transport Booking Office at Alwaye ; and

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(*b*) whether they are aware of the difficulties and hardships experinced by the public because of the absence of a phone connection at the Alwaye Transport Booking Office?

Mr. N. Ramamurti (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With regard to answer to part (*b*), in view of the fact that Government are aware of the fact, are they taking any steps to remove the difficulty?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Yes, Sir. Arrangements have been made with the Telephone Department.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Even in cases of phone communication, if the communication is received for reservation of tickets, can the officer reserve the tickets without getting the necessary money for the ticket?

Mr. N Ramamurti: It is not possible now. But facilities are being given for the purpose.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether it is not advisable to receive the amount also through phone communication in such cases?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: If it is definitely advantageous to the public, it can be done. But there are audit difficulties. They are being overcome now and such facilities are being arranged for the travelling public.

State Transport Service.

220. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan**: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement of the accidents that occurred to the State Transport services on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil route in 1120;

(*b*) to state the loss and damages incurred thereby;

(*c*) to lay on the table a statement of the accidents that occurred to the lorry service on the Alwaye-Munnar route from 1st Chingom 1120 to the end of Thulam 1121;

(*d*) to state whether they have enquired into the cause of these accidents?

(*e*) to state why and how a private bus plies on the Alwaye Munnar route just ahead of the State Transport Express Service on the route;

(*f*) to state whether they are aware that the earning of the Express Service is adversely affected thereby; and

(*g*) to state how many buses and lorries of the State Transport Service are run on petrol and producer gas respectively?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: (*a*) Number of accidents 8. As the details required by the member are not specified, no statement can be furnished.

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